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# VIEWS OF THE PRAIRIE

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ROTC REPORT -- Prairie View A&M College

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## SEVEN ROTC CADETS RECEIVE BARS

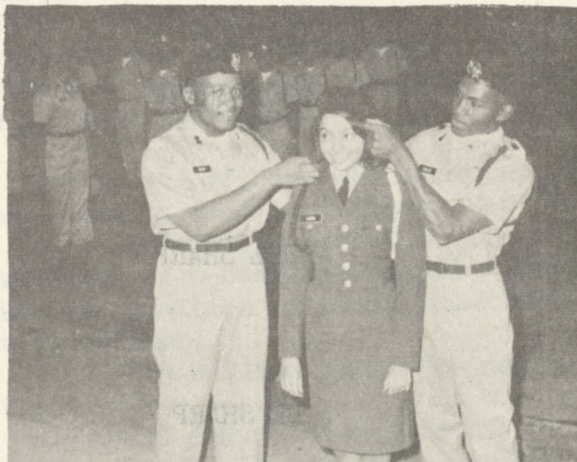
Seven ROTC Cadets were recently commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants in the United States Army. They are (left-right, standing) 2nd Lts. Lue Henson and Marvin L. Howard of Mt. Pleasant; Sullivan D. Baker, Jr. and James Williams of Houston; Kirven D. Rogers, Jr. of Dickinson; (seated L to R) Paul J. Matthews of LaMarque; LTC Lloyd J. Stark, Professor of Military Science; and 2nd LT James L. Dancer of Midland, Texas.

Lieutenants Rogers and Williams were commissioned in the Signal Corps and will attend the Signal Corps Officers' Basic Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia in March 1968. Lt. Henson received his commission in the Chemical Corps and will attend the Officers' Basic Course at Ft. McClellan, Ala. in March 1968. LT. Howard was assigned to the Corps of Engineers and traveled to Ft. Belvoir, Va. for the Officers' Basic Course beginning February 7, 1968. LT Matthews will be attending the Medical Services Officers' Basic Course at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas and Lt. Sullivan Baker will travel to Ft. Lee, Va. for the Quarter Master Corps' Officers' Basic Course.

LTC Lloyd J. Stark, PMS at Prairie View A&M College conducted the commis-

sioning exercise. Col. Stark remarked: "These new graduates now join a line of commissioned Prairie Viewites who are now honorably serving their country and are achieving fame and distinction for both themselves and the college."

"The Military Staff salutes these new Lieutenants - welcomes them to the US Army and wishes them much success in all future military and non-military pursuits."



## A FORMATION FOR THE QUEEN

Miss Sylvia Larkin, Miss Counter-Guerilla of 1968, stands tall during a formation in which she was awarded the black beret and the shoulder chord of the counter-guerrilla company. Cadet Lts. Arthur Aiken (left) and Larry Guilex (right) presented the award to Miss Larkin while Cadet LTC Willie Lott (not shown) issued orders to the other "rough and tough" members of the Counter-Guerilla Company.

The Counter-Guerilla company is commanded by Cadet LTC Willie Lott. The primary objectives of the company are as follows:

- a. To prepare cadets mentally and physically for combat operations.

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TO ALL CADETS:

This department has received numerous queries concerning the services ROTC Scholarships that I feel it appropriate to reprint the following article found in the 13 March issue of Army Times Newspaper. We sincerely hope that more freshmen and sophomore Prairie Viewites will avail themselves of this fine educational assistance. Tell your hometown friends also. Should they qualify, full four year college scholarships are available. High school counselors can tell them how to qualify.

L. J. STARK

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LOOK SHARP

FEEL SHARP

BE SHARP

- b. To establish systematic control and coordination of the new military soldier.
- c. To develop and help maintain the national security.

Counter-Guerrilla training consists of four hours of vigorous training per week. Classes are given in Map reading, detection of enemy's signs, Compass reading, hand-to-hand combat, Weapon maintenance and physical exercise.

#### CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN

That's what S/Sgt. Joseph K. Korosec believes when he is questioning detainees in Vietnam. Sergeant Korosec of Cleveland was manning the daylight perimeter of A Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, when an unarmed man approached. The man was wearing the brown khaki uniform of North Vietnamese Army regulars but said he was a South Vietnamese civilian who had taken the clothes from a dead man. "He's lying," Sergeant Korosec told his interpreter. "Watch his eyes. He won't look straight at you. Those clothes are his and he's an NVA." Then the man admitted he was a North Vietnamese soldier and talked freely about North Vietnamese weapons and operations, concluding, "I just want to go home."

#### VIET CONG GUERRILLAS

Viet Cong Guerrillas will hide anywhere—even underwater—to escape 9th Infantry soldiers who found medical supplies and ammunition for Communist rifles while searching a hut along a river in a Mekong Delta mangrove area. Two soldiers, Sgt Ross L. Dunn, Falmouth, Ky., and Sgt. Kenneth P. Wilson, Portland, Ore., pressed the search. While examining a platform near the river, they heard splashing to their rear. Sergeant Dunn turned and saw a Viet Cong, rifle in hand, jumping up from the water. Just as Sergeant Dunn fired, another enemy surfaced long enough for Sergeant Wilson to shoot. The Americans then pulled the Viet Cong bodies from what proved to be an underwater bunker.

#### VIEWS OF THE PRAIRIE

This newsletter is published for and by the cadets of the Army ROTC Unit of Prairie View A&M College. Its purpose is to inform and entertain the cadets of the college. Opinions expressed by the writers are their own and are not to be considered as official expression of the Department of the Army.

LTC Lloyd J. Stark.....PMS  
CPT Edward E. Carter.....Cadre Advisor  
C/CPT Joe Deason.....C/Advisor & PIO  
C/CPT William A. Echols.....Editor  
C/Maj Alphonso Askew.....Photographer



## ARMY ROTC IS AVAILABLE TO COLLEGE JUNIORS, SENIORS

College students in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico with two years' study remaining can still receive commissions as second Lieutenants through the college ROTC program, according to Maj. Gen. Francis J. Murdoch, deputy commanding general for reserve forces at Fourth U. S. Army, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

The traditional Reserve Officers' Training Corps program requires four years of on-campus training. The two-year program enables students who have not taken ROTC during their first two years in college to qualify for a commission. Although designed specifically for junior college graduates, many students beyond their sophomore year have qualified for the program.

To qualify for the program applicants must complete six weeks of summer training at Fort Benning, Ga., during June and July. This training substitutes for the on-campus training given to four-year ROTC students during their first two years of college. In addition to meeting physical, moral and mental standards, candidates must be at least 17 years of age and cannot be older than 28 years when commissioned as second lieutenants.

Students are paid at the rate of \$95.70 a month during the summer training period plus travel pay to and from Fort Benning.

Those who qualify for the program enter the ROTC advanced course and receive \$50 a month during their last two years of college. An additional six-week period of summer training is mandatory for all ROTC students, (at Fort Sill, Okla., for those in the Fourth Army area) usually between the junior and senior years; the pay for this session is \$160.56 a month.

ROTC cadets study for degrees in the fields of their choice. The Military portion of their college training provides instruction and experience in organizing, motivating and leading others. It helps to develop qualities of self-discipline, physical stamina and bearing.

Many ROTC graduates make the Army their career. Others, who return to civilian life after completing their

military obligation as officers, find that the leadership training and experience gained through the ROTC program have enhanced their chances for success in almost any kind of career.

Students interested in the program may obtain an application questionnaire from the Professor of Military Science at Prairie View A&M College. Applications must be submitted before March 31. They will be reviewed during April and the names of students selected for summer training will be announced in May.

## SECOND BATTALION PREPARES FOR INSPECTION

Cadet Lt. Colonel Alphonso Askew is happy to announce that another giant step has been taken to prepare his battalion for the Annual General Inspection which is to be held on March 28, 1968. Effective 13 Feb 1968. The Second Battalion had a reorganization of its cadet official personnel and is now operating near full cadet strength.

The cadet officers who received new assignments were as follows:

- a. C/CPT George Hadnot formerly assigned as D-Company Commander now has the position of Battalion Executive Officer.
- b. C/Maj William Echols is now Battalion S2.
- c. C/CPT Henry Upton formerly B-Company Commander is now Battalion S3.
- d. C/1LT Ronald Briggs was assigned as D-Company Commander.
- e. C/1LT Ira Smith is now company Commander of F-Company.

With all these new position filled C/LTC Askew feels his unit will be sufficiently trained and rehearsed for the Annual General Inspection.

## BATTLE LORE

Here's a trick from the old cowboy movies. When a sniper is firing at you and you can't find him, have a friend move his steel pot up and down at the end of a stick. If Charlie takes the bait and fires, you might be able to see a muzzle flash or some moving leaves and repay him in kind.



## ADVANCE ROTC - THE ROAD TO A BRIGHT FUTURE

The basic purpose of ROTC training is to develop your qualities of leadership. This principle lies behind every hour of ROTC training given at Prairie View A&M College, Prairie View, Texas.

Here's what this training gives you: (1) An understanding of the human behavior--Together with proven methods for motivating the men under you; (2) Indoctrination in the techniques of leadership--tested practices and devices which tend to make a leader effective; (3) Opportunity to apply the principles of leadership to everyday problems.

When you are commissioned as an Army officer you will be in command of more men than the number supervised by many civilian executives who are years older than yourself. To meet your command responsibilities, you will employ many of the leadership principles acquired during your ROTC training. Your executive potential will develop while you gather leadership experience.

Leadership ability and executive ability are two names for the same thing. The executive experience you gain via ROTC and your Army tour will be an important advantage in any civilian career. That is why employment directors often prefer men who have served as commissioned officers. These men have already proven their capacity for handling executive responsibility.

All interested personnel are asked to contact the Professor of Military Science, Prairie View A&M College, Prairie View, Texas.

## HEIGHT LIMIT RAISED

The maximum height standard for men entering the U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force has been increased from 6 feet 6 inches to 6 feet 8 inches.

About 900 additional men a year will be eligible for induction under the new standards, which will be published as a change to AR-501.

## FORMER ROTC ASSISTANT PROFESSOR COMPLETES SPECIAL STUDIES

Army Major Jiles P. Daniels, son of Mrs. Lucille Daniels, Route 2, Kilgore, Texas, completed five months of study at the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va., January 19.

The Armed Forces Staff College, operated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the Department of Defense, prepares American and Allied officers from all the services for future assignments with staffs or commands in which the forces of more than one nation are involved.

The course includes the study of combined operational planning for the employment and organization of armed forces and new technology for national and international security and affairs.

Major Daniels, whose wife, Evelyn, lives in Camden, Texas, holds the Army Commendation Medal. He received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Prairie View (Tex.) Agricultural and Mechanical College, where he received his B. S. degree in 1954.

## WAR STORY SEAT

The flying Crane pilot's voice cracks with excitement; "Charlie's all over the place!" His hands and feet work by reflex as he snakes the heavy helicopter up and away from the enemy gunfire.

"We're going to..." But he never finished.

The club was closing and he had to vacate the "War Story Seat"--the seat that all story-telling Crane pilots with the 478th Aviation Company (1st Air Cav Division) have to use when spinning flying tales back at their base camp.

An actual pilot's seat from a CH-54 chopper, the Vietnam "War Story Seat" is set up on a patio outside the An Khe officers club for 478th pilots. Anyone with a story to tell about his ship sits in the chair.

Corny? Pilots of the 478th Helicopter Company don't think so!

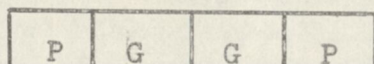


They have a "seat of the pants" approach to the high flying art of war storying--where the chopper jockey tromps on pedals, jiggles levers and squirms out of harm's way as he tantalizes fellow pilots with his true or tall tale of the day.

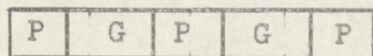
#### ACADEMIC AWARDS PRESENTED TO ROTC CADETS

Cadet Major William C. Echols stood tall as Dr. A. I. Thomas, President of Prairie View A&M College, pinned on the "Honor Roll Ribbon" with the Gold Bar attached. Cadet Echols was one of the more than 30 ROTC cadets who were recently decorated for their outstanding academic accomplishments here at Prairie View A&M College.

There were seven different awards presented during the ceremony. Two basic Ribbons were awarded--The Honor Roll Ribbon and the Academic Average Ribbon both of which were purple and golden poppy in color. The letter P in the drawing below indicates the color, purple, and the letter G denotes the color, golden poppy:



Honor Roll Ribbon



Academic Average Ribbon

The Honor Roll Ribbon with the Gold bar was presented to C/Maj William C. Echols and Cadet Sergeant Ernest R. Smither for achieving semester averages between 3.6-4.0.

The Honor Roll ribbon with the Blue tab was presented to those cadets who had averages between 3.3-3.5. Eight cadets were presented this award. They are C/Col Joseph D. Dickson, C/LT Ronald S. Briggs, C/SEC E7 John W. Henderson, C/SSG E6 Leo Carter, C/Maj Ronald L. Reese, C/1LT Eddie L. Fletcher, C/SFC E7 Kenneth W. Henson and Cadet Wayne A. Harris. These Tabs will be worn on the epaulet of the uniform as shown below:



Red  
Tab



Gold  
Bar



Blue  
Tab

Seventeen Cadets were awarded the Honor Roll Ribbon with the Red Tab.

This decoration denotes that individuals awarded had semester averages of 3.0-3.2. Cadets receiving this award were C/Maj Vacal D. Caldwell, C/1LT Danny R. Kelley, C/1LT Kenneth McGuin, C/SSG E6 Sederick E. Susberry, C/CPL Robert E. Brantley, C/CPL Morris D. Hunter, C/CPL Samuel L. Montgomery, Cadet Dotson Bradley, Cadet Kenneth A. William, C/CPT George R. Hadnot, C/1LT Nathaniel McClinton, C/SFC E7 Luther W. Berry, Cadet Conan L. Sanders, C/CPL James E. Ealy, C/CPL Jeremiah Woodard, C/PFC Calvin Washington and Cadet Ray Miller.

The Academic Average Ribbon was presented with the Palm Leaf, Lamp, and Bronze Torch. The Ribbon was presented with the Palm Leaf to C/LT Danny R. Kelley and C/CPL James E. Ealy for maintaining an overall average between 3.3-3.5. The Academic Average Ribbon with the Lamp attached was presented to C/SFC E7 John W. Henderson and C/SFC E7 Kenneth Henson for maintaining an overall average between 3.6-4.0. The Academic Average Ribbon with the Bronze Torch (2nd Award) was presented to C/Maj Ronald L. Reese, C/CPT George R. Hadnot, C/1LT Ronald L. Briggs and C/1LT Lynn Milton and C/1LT Danny R. Kelley. Presented to those cadets who have maintained an overall 3.0 average of 3.0-3.2 was presented to C/Col Joseph D. Dickson, C/SSG Ernest Smithers, Jr., C/Maj William A. Echols, Cadet Wayne A. Harris, C/Msg Robert Crawford, C/SFC Luther W. Berry, C/SFC E7 Loverous Whittaker, C/SSG E6 Sederick E. Susberry, C/SSG Moses H. Hadnot, C/CPL Jeremiah Woodard, C/CPL Billy C. Williams and Cadet Oliver J. Buckner.

According to LTC Lloyd J. Stark, Professor of Military Science, these academic awards were presented for a two-fold purpose: (a) "To promote academic excellence in the ROTC Brigade." (b) "To recognize cadets who excel academically by presenting them ribbons and epaulet tabs that can be recognized by fellow students, faculty and staff and the general public."



## ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

ONE OF THE best education deals, savingswise, is the Reserve Officers' Training Program conducted at some 500 colleges and Universities.

The ROTC'er is obligated for up to five hours a week of military instruction, besides his full academic load leading to a bachelor's degree. He must also train part of one summer, or--in the case of Navy ROTC--six to eight weeks for three summers.

Army, Navy and Air Force have ROTC scholarship programs. Navy's which dates back to 1949, currently provides 1700 scholarships annually, at 53 schools. At present, there are 5400 students in the Navy four-year tuition-free program.

While the method of selecting recipients varies among the services, benefits are the same: full tuition, textbook and lab cost allowances, and \$50 a month subsistence during the school year. At a college charging \$1500 tuition a year, this means well over \$2000 annually in free education.

Graduates commissioned as a Navy ensign or Marine Corps second lieutenant serve four years active duty. A student may enter Navy's non-scholarship contract program and receive \$40 a month subsistence and some textbook allowance, during his junior and senior year. His active duty obligation on graduation would be three years.

For the 1968-69 school year, Army announced more than 1600 ROTC scholarships, 800 for the four-year and 845 for the two-year programs.

This will bring the total in the program to 4000, at 262 colleges. Those in Army ROTC on a non-scholarship basis draw \$50 a month subsistence in their junior and senior years. That's a welcomed education bonus, too, coming to \$1000 for the two years.

As commissioned officers, the non-scholarship grads are obligated to serve two years active duty. Scholarship graduates serve four years active duty.

The Air Force ROTC commissioned graduate serves four years, as a non-flyer, five years as a flying-bound man entering active duty before January 1970, and

six if he enters active duty later. AF has about 3000 now under scholarship at 170 colleges. It will bring in over 1000 new scholarship men next fall. Allowing for graduates this year, the plan is to have 4000 under scholarship by next fall, 5000 a year later, and 5500 a year after that (fall 1970).

Unlike most academic scholarships, the ROTC program does not certify students depending on family income.

## FACTS ABOUT 2ND BATTALION ROTC BRIGADE

Congratulations and a hearty welcome are due to the person representing the Second Battalion. Miss Second Battalion of the school year 1968-69 is Miss Vivian Spiller. Miss Spiller is a Sophomore, Elementary Education major from Houston, Texas. An outstanding student on campus and possessing an extraordinary personality, Miss Spiller is very capable of serving her title.

The Second Battalion is composed of a Battalion Commander, Battalion Staff and three companies, D, E, and F. The Battalion Commanding Officer is C/LTC Alphonso Askew, a Chemistry major from Houston, Texas. Other qualities include being nominated Distinguished Military Student and an outstanding member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

The Battalion Staff is composed of Bn XO-C/CPT George Hadnot; S1-C/CPT Kenneth McRae; S2-C/Maj William Echols; S3-C/CPT Henry Upton; and S4-C/CPT George Williams.

The Company Commanders are C/LLT Ronald Briggs, C/CPT Buron Jones and C/LLT Ira Smith of Companies D, E, and F, respectively. The Battalion advisor is Major Z. White. Again, congratulations to Miss Second Battalion, Miss Vivian Spiller.

## AUSA NEWS

The Association of the United States Army is proud to announce the election of our new queen Miss Barbara Johnson. Miss Johnson is a freshman from Houston, Texas. She will represent the Association of the United States Army at Prairie View A&M College for the school year of 1968-69.